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SUBJ: U.S. AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO KENYA AND SEYCHELLES

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1. IT IS EXCEPTIONALLY DIFFICULT AT PRESENT TO ESTIMATE WITH ANY ACCURACY LIKELY WAITING PERIOD BETWEEN ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS DUE TO INCREASINGLY FREQUENT INDISPOSITION OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA. FOR EXAMPLE, SWISS, INDIAN, AND OTHER AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HAVE NOW BEEN WAITING TO PRESENT THEIR CREDENTIALS FOR UP TO 10 WEEKS. WHILE IT IS HOPED THAT PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THEM THIS WEEK, GOK OFFICIALS STILL DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL INDEED MATERIALIZE.

2. IN MORE NORMAL TIMES, PRESIDENT KENYATTA RECEIVED AMBASSADOR IN SAMALL GROUPS AS SOON AS MINIMUM OF THREE OR FOUR HAD ARRIVED IN KENYA, WHICH USUALLY MEANT AT INTERVALS OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. AMBASSADOR MARSHALL WAS FORTUNATE IN THAT HE ARRIVED IN 1974 AFTER THREE AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN WAITING FOR UP TO FIVE WEEKS SO THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS ABLE TO ADD HIS NAME TO LIST AT LAST MINUTE THEREBY MAKING HIS PRESENTATION POSSIBLE ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL IN KENYA.

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3. WHILE WE SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT COUNT ON REPETITION OF FORTUITOUS SITUATION WHICH PREVAILED ON AMBASSADOR MARSHALL'S ARRIVAL, I WILL DISCREETLY DO WHAT I CAN TO ARRANGE FOR AMBASSADOR LE MELLE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS WITH GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI.

4. WHILE I WOULD AGREE WITH REF B RECOMMENDATION RE DESIRABILITY OF ARRANGING FOR AMBASSADOR LE MELLE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN SEYCHELLES AT TIME OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE (JUNE 29), WE SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT COUNT ON THIS AS KENYA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS INFORMED ME THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR ARE EXPECTED TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (KENYA) PRIOR TO PRESENTING IN COUNTRIES OF NON-RESIDENCE. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY, OR EVEN PROBABILITY, THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN KENYA, AN EARLY SEYCHELLES PRESENTATION AS RECOMMENDED BY CHARGE MATTSOON WOULD APPEAR TO BE ONLY AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY.

5. IF LENGTHY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN KENYA APPEARS LIKELY, DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD HOST JULY 4 RECEPTION IN NAIROBI AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OR WHETHER WE CAN REASONABLY ASSUME THAT AMBASSADOR LE MELLE WILL HAVE PRESENTED BEFORE THEN. SINCE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INVITATIONS WILL REQUIRE ABOUT THREE WEEKS, FINAL DECISION ON JULY 4 RECEPTION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON BASIS OF FACTS AVAILABLE ABOUT JUNE 10. AFTER CONSULTING WITH GOK OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME, WILL CABLE MY RECOMMENDATION ON THIS QUESTION.

6. EMBASSY FORWARDING UNDER COVER OF LETTER TO BAKER IN AF/E COPY OF REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS PRESENTATION, MEMO ON CREDENTIALS PROCEDURE, AND EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS RE SUBSTANCE OF REMARKS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE BY NEW AMBASSADOR.

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